protection to the workers in the unorganised sector. The Commission is required to make its recommendations within 24 months from the date of notification, i.e. by 15.10.2001.

Children as domestic help

4932. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3600 given in Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government do consider that the media can lead a helping hand in the task of eradicating child labour from the country by creating awareness from the masses; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Awareness generation, including through media is an important component of the strategy for elimination of child labour. During the year 1995-96 over Rs. 650 lakh were released to 133 child labour endemic districts for generating awareness against child labour. As a part of the media Campaign against child labour, funds have been released to the Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity (DAVP), Song and Drama Division and Directorate of Field Publicity, during the year 1998-99 and 1999- 2000. The media strategy aims at harnessing all forms of media folk, print as well as electronic, to constructive action, in both rural and urban areas.

Rehabilitation of children engaged in Hazardous Industry

4933. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government fails to keep promise on child labour rehabilitation" as reported in The Hindustan Times dated 4th April, 2000;

(b) if so, Government have failed to rehabilitate lakhs of children who are working in hazardous jobs;

(c) whether Government have not adopted any systematic integrative approach of rehabilitation of child workers; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?